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December 21, 2000

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: Docket No. 00-00691; Sprint Communications Company L.P.  
Arbitration Petition with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing are the original and thirteen copies of an Affidavit of William R. L. Atkinson for admission to practice *pro hac vice* before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on behalf of Sprint Communications Company L.P. in the above case.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James B. Wright".  
James B. Wright

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Enclosures

cc: Guy Hicks (with enclosure)  
William R. L. Atkinson (with enclosure)

BEFORE THE  
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re:       Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Arbitration  
              with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section  
              252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Docket No. 00-00691

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO PRACTICE

Pursuant to Rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee, William R. L. Atkinson, attorney for Sprint Communications Company L.P. (hereinafter "Sprint"), hereby makes application for permission to appear and to participate in the above-referenced case on behalf of Sprint, and, in support of this application states as follows:

1.     The undersigned, William R. Atkinson, has a residence address of 144 Vidal Blvd., Decatur, GA 30030 and a business address of 3100 Cumberland Circle, Mailstop 110802, Atlanta, GA 30339.

2.     The undersigned has entered an appearance on behalf of Sprint in the above-referenced matter.

3.     The undersigned is in-house counsel for Petitioner Sprint.

4.     The undersigned is currently licensed, is in good standing, and is admitted to practice in the State of Georgia, and no disciplinary action or

investigation of William R. L. Atkinson's conduct is pending. Attached is a Letter of Good Standing from the State Bar of Georgia.

5. The undersigned agrees to subject himself to the jurisdiction of this Authority in any manner arising out of his conduct in such proceedings and agrees to be bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before this Authority.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned prays that he be admitted *pro hac vice* to appear and participate in the above-styled case on behalf of Sprint.

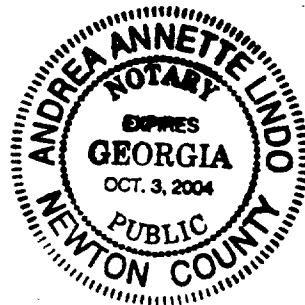
William R. L. Atkinson  
William R. L. Atkinson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2000.

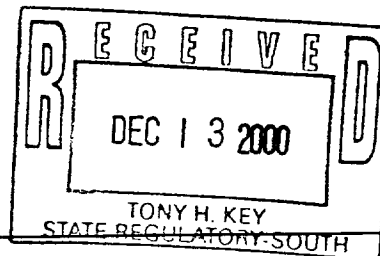
Andrea Annette Lindo  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004



# STATE BAR OF GEORGIA



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Mr. William R Lawrence Atkinson  
Sprint Communications Co.  
3100 Cumberland Circle  
Atlanta, GA 30339

CURRENT STATUS: Active Member

DATE OF ADMISSION TO PRACTICE: 12/12/1991

Today's Date: December 12, 2000

Listed below are the disciplinary actions, if any, which have been taken against this member:

Supreme Court	State Disciplinary	Disposition
File # NA	Board Docket # NA	

Under the privacy/confidentiality provision of the Bar Rule 4-221(d), any complaint against a member resolved prior to the filing and docketing of a disciplinary case in the Supreme Court is not a matter of public record, and may not be revealed without a waiver from the member. It is the policy of the State Bar of Georgia to answer any inquiry about a member by disclosing only those complaints that have been docketed in the Supreme Court. With respect to matters that are currently pending as active, undocketed cases, when an inquiry is received, the State Bar of Georgia shall not disclose the existence of those complaints. Such non-disclosure should not be construed to confirm the existence of confidential complaints since the vast majority of members in good standing are not the subject of such confidential complaints.

This member is currently in "good standing" as that term is defined by State Bar Rule 1-204. The member is current in license fees and is not suspended or disbarred as of the date of this letter.

This document hereby certifies that the above-mentioned individual is a registered member of the State Bar of Georgia and is currently in good standing.

## STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

Pauline B. Childress  
Official Representative of State Bar of Georgia